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VIA HAND DELIVERY

LaDonna Castañuela Office of Chief Clerk (MC-105) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 120150 Park 35 Circle, Building F, 1st Floor Austin, Texas 78753

Re:

SOAH Docket No. 582-09-6172; TCEQ Docket No. 2009-1224-UCR, Petition of Bolivar Water Supply Corporation, CCN No. 11257, Requesting a Cease and Desist Order Against the City of Denton

Dear Ms. Castañuela:

Enclosed is the City of Denton's Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision. Please file stamp the extra copies provided and return via our messenger.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Attorney for City of Denton

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Enclosure

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SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-09-6172 TCEQ DOCKET NO. 2009-1224-UCR

PETITION OF BOLIVAR WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, CCN NO. 11257, REQUESTING A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AGAINST THE CITY OF DENTON	***	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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TO THE HONORABLE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:

COMES NOW the City of Denton ("City"), and files its Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision in the above-referenced matter, and in support hereof respectfully shows the following:

EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

The City of Denton is in agreement with and supports the conclusion of the Administrative Law Judge in his Proposal for Decision ("PFD"), namely that the Petition for a Cease and Desist Order by Bolivar Water Supply Corporation ("Bolivar") should be dismissed. Therefore, the City offers no exceptions to that recommendation. However, the City offers the following modifications to two proposed Conclusions of Law ("COL") in the Proposed Order in order to clarify and support the Judge's recommendation.

Specifically, Conclusions of Law Nos. 1 and 4 should be replaced in their entirety with the following language:

- COL 1. Bolivar and Denton are each a "retail public utility" as that term is defined in Tex. Water Code § 13.002(19).
- COL 4. Bolivar has failed to show facts that Denton has taken an action that could authorize the Commission to issue a cease and desist order under Tex. Water Code § 13.252 to Denton prohibiting the construction, extension, or provision of service or prescribing terms and conditions for locating the line, plant, or system

affected or for the provision of the service. Specifically, Bolivar has not provided facts demonstrating that Denton: (i) in constructing or extending a water line, plant, or system has interfered or attempted to interfere with the operation of Bolivar's water line, plant, or system; or (ii) has furnished, made available, rendered, or extended retail water utility service to any portion of Bolivar's service area as authorized under its water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 11257.

PRAYER

The City respectfully requests that the Commission modify the Administrative Law Judge's proposed Conclusions of Law as recommended by the City, and adopt the Proposed Order, as modified.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this the 3rd day of December 2009, a true and correct copy of the *City of Denton's Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision* has been served on all parties of record in this proceeding by hand delivery, First Class Mail, or facsimile transmission to the persons listed below:

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